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SUBJECT: SUMMER INTERN PROJECT: ECOWAS DEVELOPMENTS

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1. RE REFTEL, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THE ECOWAS FUND FOR  
COOPERATION COMPENSATION AND DEVELOPMENT HEADQUARTERED IN LOME  
HAS CHOSEN FIVE AREAS ON WHICH TO PREPARE PAPERS FOR THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING (JULY 18-23 IN LAGOS AND JULY 25-30  
IN LOME). WILL BE COMPOSED OF MINISTERS OF FINANCE. PAPER WILL

BE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, COASTAL SHIPPING, ROADS, FERTILIZER AND BAUXITE.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN: ANOTHER SUBJECT THAT MAY COME UP AT THE JULY MEETING IS THE HIRING PRACTICES OF THE FUND AND ITS LEADERSHIP. IN MAY, TOGO AND TOGO AND NIGERIA ACTING TOGETHER CALLED IN THE FUND DIRECTOR ROMEH HORTON TO EXPRESS THEIR DISPLEASURE THAT ALL FUND EMPLOYEES ARE LIBERIAN. (THERE IS ACTUALLY ONE NIGERIAN, WHO IS MARRIED TO A LIBERIAN, AND ONE UPPER VOLTAN, ALSO MARRIED TO A LIBERIAN.) TO DATE HORTON HAS NOT DIVERSIFIED HIS STAFF. TALKING WITH THE ECON OFFICER, HE DISMISSED THE COMPLAINTS BECAUSE OF THEIR "HOST COUNTRY" AND "BIG POWER" NATURE. IT REFLECTIVE HORTON'S INSOUCIANCE (AND INDICATIVE OF A POSSIBLY TROUBLED FUTURE FOR FUND) THAT HORTON ALSO SAID HE IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT TOGO AND NIGERIA BECAUSE IT TAKES A VOTE OF NINE OF THE 16 COUNTRIES TO REMOVE HIM FROM HIS JOB AND HE CANNOT EVER SEE THEM GETTING ORGANIZED ENOUGH TO DO IT.

3.COMMENT: FUND OFF TO TROUBLED CONCEPTUAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL START. WELL-INFORMED SOURCES SAY PART OR PROBLEM IS HORTON'S LACK APPRECIATION BASIC ECOWAS CONCEPT. HE ALSO IS SAID TO LACK POLITICAL TOUCH. SOURCES SAY HE FAILS TO CONSULT ADEQUATELY WITH TOGOLESE AND NIGERIAN GOVERNMENTS, BOTH OF WHICHOBVIOUSLY HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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KEEN INTEREST IN SEEING ECOWAS SUCCEED. THUS, NORMAL STARTING-UP OF LOME-BASED BANK FOR WEST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (BOAD). HOWEVER, FUND LACKS BOAD'S GUARANTEED ACCESS TO HEALTHY CFA ZONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND IT ALSO APPEARS TO LACK SUREFOOTED LEADERSHIP OF CALIBER OF PIERRE DAMIBA, BOAD PRESIDENT. END CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN.

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